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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE
(HEALTH-IV BRANCH)

NOTIFICATION

The 9th July, 2026

No. HFW-HLH405C/4/2026-1H4-I/1442396/2026.- Whereas Cancer is emerging as a major public health concern in the State of Punjab and there is an increasing burden of cancer cases being reported across various districts of the State and whereas accurate timely and comprehensive data regarding incidence, prevalence, mortality, geographical distribution and demographic profile of cancer cases is essential for effective public health planning, policy formulation, disease surveillance, prevention and control strategies;

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 2 of the “Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897”, and in the interest of public health, the Governor of Punjab hereby declares “**Cancer**” as a “**Notifiable Disease**” throughout the State of Punjab.

Accordingly, the following directions are hereby issued for strict compliance by all concerned:

I. Applicability: The provisions of this notification shall apply to the following institutions/entities within the State of Punjab:

- i. All Government, Private, Autonomous, Cooperative and Institutional Hospitals, Medical College Hospitals (Government and Private), ESI Hospitals, Central Govt. Hospitals like AIIMS, PGIMER centres, Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre, Railway Hospitals, Industry Hospitals and any other hospital/entity providing healthcare regarding cancer.
- ii. Private clinics, Nursing Homes, Hospices and all entities providing cancer treatment or palliative care.
- iii. AYUSH Hospitals/Institutions providing cancer treatment/care.
- iv. Non-Governmental Organizations and Insurance Companies (Government/Private) whosoever is maintaining the data of treatment/ claims pertaining to cancer patients belonging to the State of Punjab.
- v. All Pathology, Histopathology, Cytology, Molecular diagnostic, radiology/Imaging laboratories/ centres doing diagnosis or reporting of cancer.
- vi. The Registrar of Births and Deaths/ Vital statistics authorities to provide cause specific mortality data related to cancer.

- vii. Any Government or Private scheme/ programme/ Researcher/ Institutions collecting or maintaining cancer related data.

II. Reporting of the data related to Cancer

Every institution/entity covered under Para 1 shall report all diagnosed and /or treated cases of cancer in the prescribed format through the reporting mechanism developed by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab

III. Cancer Register and Reporting

Each reporting institution/entity shall maintain a dedicated Cancer Register in the prescribed format for recording of all existing and newly diagnosed cases of cancer. Each reporting institution/entity shall submit the report of all existing and new cases of cancer with the Civil Surgeon of the respective district every month. The format of the register is attached at Annexure I.

IV. Online Reporting Portal for Cancer Cases

- i. A dedicated online portal shall be developed by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab for reporting of the cancer cases.
- ii. All Government and Private clinical establishments (clinics/ hospitals/ nursing homes/ institutions/ medical colleges/ laboratories/ radiological centres and other entities will get registered on the online portal and fill all the details of the cancer cases as per the portal.

V. Data Validation:

- i. Civil Surgeon of each district will ensure compliance of the notification by all the reporting institutions/entities within the jurisdiction of the respective district.
- ii. Civil Surgeon will ensure that institutions/entities dealing with cancer diagnosis/reporting/ management/palliative care etc are registered on the portal and reporting is done online by each centre.
- iii. The Directorate of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab will be the nodal agency for implementation of the notification of Cancer through MMPCRK (Mukh Mantri Punjab Cancer Rahat Kosh) scheme and will be the nodal agency for collection, compilation and maintenance of Cancer data.

VI. Data Analysis and Report

- i. A technical committee will be constituted by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab by a separate order which will analyse the cancer registry and prepare the report based on the cancer data.
- ii. The final report will act as Cancer Registry of the State and will be shared with ICMR and Government of India as State report.
- iii. All information collected under this notification shall be considered confidential and will be used solely for public health surveillance, epidemiological research, policy decisions and planning for prevention and management of cancer by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab.
 - i. All reporting entities shall maintain confidentiality of patient information and ensure compliance with applicable data protection and ethical standards.

- VII.** The Department of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab may issue detailed operational guidelines, standard operating procedures and formats regarding reporting, data management, confidentiality and monitoring from time to time.

- VIII.** Any failure to report Cancer cases or violation of the provisions of this notification shall attract action under the provisions of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and other applicable laws/rules.
- IX.** This notification shall come into force with immediate effect.

Chandigarh
The 18th June, 2026

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